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### DEATH.

On the 11th February, at the Government Civil Hospital, Capt. WILLIAM HUTTON, of S.S. *Benlomond*.

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HONGKONG, 15th FEBRUARY, 1904

No very startling development in affairs in the North has been witnessed since our issue of Saturday. The engagement off Aomori, in the northern part of Honshu, the main island of the Japanese Empire, shows what has become of Russia's Vladivostok squadron since the outbreak of war. The strait which runs between Honshu and Hokkaido is roughly opposite Vladivostok, some 450 miles away. Four Russian cruisers, whose names are unknown, proceeding along the coast of Northern Japan met two steamers, one of 1,073 tons and the other of 233 tons, and sunk the larger, while the smaller escaped to Fukuyama, on the Hokkaido coast. Then, according to the telegram forwarded by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, the Russian ships seem to have fallen in with a Japanese torpedo-boat, possibly searching for Russian vessels, and to have suffered so heavily as to lose three of their number. Without details this is rather hard to understand, unless the torpedo-boats succeeded in delivering a night attack on their larger foes. Official confirmation must be awaited, and we have yet to hear the Russian version. As regards the Port Arthur fighting, we now have, by the courtesy of the Japanese Consul, the substance of Admiral Togo's official report. It does not add much to our knowledge, but helps to correct previous information. The Russian vessels succeeded in gaining safety in the inner harbour of Port Arthur on the 9th instant. Admiral Togo, who is the Naval Commander-in-Chief on the Japanese side, confines himself to stating the Japanese

losses, which were very slight—four men killed and fifty-four wounded—and does not guess at the Russian figures; nor does he say that any Russian ships were badly disabled, though this we know from Admiral Alexeiev's admissions. Of course there may have been more in the report on this point. It does not seem that the entrance to Port Arthur harbour is blocked by a sunken warship, as alleged in some telegrams. The Japanese, after their victorious brush with the two Russian vessels off Chemulpo and their landing at that port, have now occupied Seoul, and are no doubt preparing to meet any Russian concentration in the Yalu Valley we have had no news of Russia's activity in that quarter. It is impossible to believe that she is not active, however.

The news from St. Petersburg is interesting. Consternation reigns, a panic is occurring on the Bourse, Government securities are experiencing heavy falls, and some banks are on the verge of ruin. The successes of Japan have struck Russia "all of a heap." The Tsar is credited with a ridiculous speech to the effect that "a treacherous foe has in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress (? and) fleet." It appears as if the Tsar expected the Japanese to invite his fleet out from Port Arthur or, as in the old Maori days in New Zealand, to fix a day on which they would be willing to come and fight there. But the Tsar is now a very much discredited personage. He might well think of his speech a month ago in the Council Chamber at St. Petersburg, "Am I the Emperor of Russia or am I not? Am I the Emperor of Peace, or am I not?" The Emperor of Peace has allowed his Ministers to force a little nation into war, and now does not like the consequences. The Tsar Nicholas stands revealed as a weakling. He may believe his Finance Minister's statement that "though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakable"; other people will not believe it. As to the accusation of treachery, it is to be noted that, according to Reuters, even the German papers, the least friendly to Japan, ridicule the Russian talk of treachery because the Japanese attacked them without a declaration of war. The British papers, as was to be expected, congratulate Japan on her brilliant commencement. What is the attitude in France we have yet to learn. The Republic is getting ready cruisers and destroyers for the Far East, but this is not necessarily a bad sign. It is a precautionary measure which no doubt all the Powers will take. It is rather to be wondered at that we do not hear any more of the ships which were coming from the Mediterranean squadron to reinforce our China fleet. The *King Alfred* is now here and will presumably stay until peace is restored, but we still look for those two battleships mentioned some time ago. It is all important at the present moment that Great Britain shall be as strong as possible in the China seas. The end of the present crisis cannot be foreseen, and we must be prepared for all eventualities. We all trust that we shall be spared the necessity of intervention, but should the need ever come we must intervene with force that shall decide the question. We are not in a position to do so yet.

The French Mail of the 12th January was delivered in London on the 10th inst.

Captain D. Macdonald, H.K.Y.C., has been granted leave of absence for four months.

The name of Mr. D. R. Paul has been added to the register of medical and surgical practitioners in the Colony.

The regulations concerning traffic during Race days and cracker-firing during China New Year are published in the *Gazette*.

The Right Rev. Dr. Corfe, Bishop of Corea, arrived in Hongkong by the *Ballaarat* on Saturday, on his way back to his diocese from home.

By the *Ballaarat* on Saturday there arrived in the Colony Capt. C. G. Dicken, our new Commodore, who succeeds Rear-Admiral Robinson. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dicken, both having come out from London.

His Excellency Lord Kitchener has so far recovered that he has been able to dispose of the use of a stick. With only a very slight lameness, apparent from the result of a bone fracture, we are glad to notice, says the *Calcutta Englishman*, that His Excellency can move about with freedom.

The manager of the Hongkong branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha informed us on Saturday that telegraphic advices to hand from the N.Y.K. agents in Colombo state that the *as. Wakusa Maru*, which left London on or about the 15th January, is laid up in Colombo for the time being; but her passengers for the Straits, China, and Japan have been transferred to the mail steamers *Sydney* and *Coromandel*.

Last night there was a false alarm of fire at half-past seven in Queen Street.

H.E. Mr. May was among the visitors to the Chinatown Fair last evening.

Lieut. E. W. S. Mahon, R.E., was ordered to China last month for special duty under the Foreign Office.

Members of the Masonic Quadrille Club are reminded that a meeting will be held this evening at six o'clock in the Masonic Hall. There is important business to be discussed.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s manager informed us yesterday that the Foochow cable, which was broken last Thursday morning near Sharp Peak, was repaired at noon yesterday, normal communication with the North being thereby re-established.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerald H. U. Noel, K.C.M.G., K.C.H., the new British Commander-in-Chief on the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, left London on the 5th inst. by the P. & O. steamer *Mongolia*, for Hongkong.

We learn from the *Times* of the 12th January that our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Francis Clark, who is a member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, has passed the Bar examinations in Roman Law, and in Evidence, Procedure and Criminal Law.

The *L. and C. Express* of the 15th ult. says:—The definite date of the departure from his present post on the Gold Coast of Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., the new Governor of Hongkong, is not yet fixed, but it is expected his Excellency will leave the West Coast in about a month's time. He will make some short stay in this country before proceeding, and would thus probably reach Hongkong early in the summer.

Mr. H. C. Nicolls, Government Auditor at Hongkong, duly left for Colombo on the P. & O. *ss. Malta* on Saturday. Mr. Nicolls is understood to have been appointed to his post in Ceylon for a few months only. An innovation is being introduced in the Government of that Colony. At present the Audit Office there is not only doing auditing work, but accounting work, and the idea is that the accounting should be transferred to the Treasurer's department. Mr. Nicolls will introduce the new system.

The mortality returns for November, 1903, appear in the *Gazette*. The total for that month was 330—18 in the European and foreign community, of which 15 were in the civil population, and 385 among the Chinese. Chest affections caused 111 deaths and malaria 24. The death rate per 1,000 per annum in the European and foreign community was 17.9; in the Chinese community (land and boat) 1.42; and in the whole civil community, 1.43.

With regard to the despatch of the French armoured cruisers *Aube*, *Elbeur*, and *Desaix*, to the Far East, *Le Yacht* wrote last month:—We need hardly say that this is pure fantasy. The three cruisers in question were built in private yards, and are still undergoing their receipt trials. They will not leave Chertbourg for Toulon for some months. According to programme, they should then take the place of the *Chaney*, *Latouche Tréville*, and *Pothuau* in the Mediterranean squadron. Later, if events demand it, they might, of course, be sent to China. But just at present the French Admiralty has not accepted delivery of them.

Many naval officers were present in the large congregation at All Saints Church, Blackheath, on the 13th ultimo, when Mr. Herbert Price, of Hongkong, was married to Miss Ethel Mildred Durston, daughter of Sir John Durston, K.C.B., Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet, of Westcombe Park, Blackheath. Mr. J. H. Hutchinson was best man, and the bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of white satin, accented with chiffon and Brussels lace, and a lace veil over a coronet of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Winifred Durston (the bride's sister), Miss May Herbert, and Miss Cons and Miss Adele Mitchell. They were in ivory voile dresses over taffeta silk, trimmed with lace, and wore becoming picture hats.

In the departure of Mr. G. J. W. King, which will take place some time in April, the Colony will lose one of its oldest residents and the Civil Service one of its oldest servants. Mr. King goes home on leave with a view to retirement. He came to Hongkong in 1870, joined the Government service in 1878, then resigned, and went back again in 1881 on a competitive examination. He was in charge of the correspondence at the Central Police Office for seven years, and since then has performed the duties of Land Bailiff of the Colony. He is a prominent Mason, and during his long residence in Hongkong he has associated himself with all sorts of field sports. When Mr. King goes away he will take with him the best wishes of a host of friends.

Before his departure from Bizerta for the Suez Canal Admiral Vieux, who is in command of the Russian squadron now attempting to come out here, made one or two observations of some interest to the superior officers of the French Navy, who had gone to bid him farewell. He made no effort to minimise the gravity of the present crisis, but said that in any event it would have the effect of greatly hastening the full realisation of two of Russia's principal ideals of Naval policy in the Far East. There are to convert Vladivostok and Port Arthur into the two most important Naval arsenals in the Empire, each having a fleet of corresponding strength depending upon it as a base. As a direct result of the present crisis, this project will be fully realised before the end of 1905.

## TELEGRAMS.

### "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

## THE WAR

### SINGAPORE JAPANESE RECALLED.

SINGAPORE, 13th Feb., 12.5 p.m.  
All the Japanese naval reservists at Singapore have been ordered to return to Japan.

### FIGHTING OFF NORTH JAPAN.

SINGAPORE, 13th Feb., 2.40 p.m.

The local office of the Mitsui Bussan

Kaisha has received a telegram stating

that Japanese torpedo-boats have des-

troyed three Russian cruisers near

Aomori. An official telegram from

the Governor of Hokkaido informs

the Tokyo Governor that two Japanese

merchantmen were attacked by four

Russian ships. One of the Japanese

was sunk, while the other escaped.

Both were small vessels.

[According to the telegram received here the

two Japanese merchantmen were the *Nakanoura*

*Maru*, a steel screw steamer of 1,073 tons, built

in 1895 at Hamburg, and owned by the

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, and the *Zensho Maru*,

a wooden screw steamer of 233 tons, built in

1895 at Osaka, Japan, and owned by the *Maru*

Bunshichi. It was the *Nakanoura Maru* which

was sunk.—Ed. D.P.]

### THE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

Kobe, 12th February, 1.30 p.m.

Admiral Togo, the Commander-in-

Chief of the Japanese squadron,

reports that at noon on the 8th inst.

the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers

attacked the Russian warships at Port

Arthur. It is believed that four

Russian vessels were damaged.

Next morning the Japanese sqa-

dron attacked the Russians, who, the

Admiral believed, were much damaged.

The Japanese damages were slight.

Casualties amounted to about 4 killed

and 54 wounded.

## GENERAL NEWS

### DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN SHANGHAI MAN.

SHANGHAI, 14th Feb., 10.15 a.m.

Mr. George McBain died yesterday

(Saturday) of bronchitis.

[Mr. George McBain's death will be heard of with great regret in Hongkong, especially among our numerous Shanghai visitors now in the Colony. Mr. McBain was a very well-known merchant and ship-owner, trading under his own name in Shanghai, Hongkong, and Yangtze ports.

He was owner of the steamers *W. Cores de Vries*, *Suah*, *Pelayo*, *Siam*, and *Shantung*, and was agent for the Shanghai Samatra Tobacco Co. and for the Maatsoapply tot Mija on Baschen Landbouw Exploitatie in Langkat. As for the Langkat Co. itself, Mr. McBain practically was it for many years.—Ed. D.P.]

### REUTER'S SERVICE.

#### THE WAR.

LONDON, 10th February.

Owing to a lack of Naval Officers, all Ensigns in the Russian Navy were yesterday granted commissions. The Tsar addressing them said, "A treacherous foe had in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress (? and) fleet."

Mr. Kurine has left St. Petersburg.

A British proclamation of neutrality will appear to-morrow.

The Japanese fleet has bombarded Port Arthur. The Russian battleship *Poltava* and the cruiser *Diana*, *Asold*, and *Norik* were damaged on the waterline. The gunboat *Koreets* was sunk, and the cruiser *Varyag* hopelessly disabled at Chemulpo. The crews took refuge on a French cruiser.

#### EUROPEAN PRESS COMMENTS.

LONDON, 11th February.

All the British papers unite in congratulating Japan on the brilliant opening of the campaign. Even the German papers ridicule the Russian talk of treachery because they were attacked without a declaration of war.

#### RUSSIAN DECLARATION OF WAR.

LONDON, 11th February.

The Tsar has issued a manifesto which is virtually a declaration of war.

## THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL.

LONDON, 11th February.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to maintain strict neutrality. Mr. Hay's proposals contemplate the restriction of hostilities within the smallest possible area and are regarded as implying that neither Russia nor Japan will be allowed to invade China proper.

### BRITISH ATTACKES FOR JAPAN.

LONDON, 12th February.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir William Nicholson and Col. James Haldane, British Attackes to the Japanese Army, have started for the Far East. Contractors have undertaken to complete the railway line across Lake Baikal by the 28th inst., or earlier.

### FRENCH WARSHIPS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 12th February.

Several cruisers and destroyers are preparing at Brest and Toulon to proceed to the Far East. Six thousand tons of coal-briguettes have been hastily despatched to Saigon.

### THE DAMAGED RUSSIAN SHIPS.

LONDON, 12th February.

Admiral Alexeiev telegraphs that the battleships are so badly damaged that it is difficult to say when they will be ready for sea; the others are expected to be ready in three days to a fortnight.

### SEOUL OCCUPIED.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Japanese have occupied Seoul.

### RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Russian cruisers *Dmitri Donskoi* and *Aurora* and six destroyers have proceeded from Suoz to Jibuti, where they have coaled and will remain till the 18th instant, awaiting the arrival of the battleship *Oshabyo*, the transport *Saratoff*, and three destroyers which have already left Suoz, and of several torpedo-boats and transports now in the Canal.

### THE LONDON STOCK MARKET.

LONDON, 11th February.

Russian bonds have fallen 1½ % and Japanese have risen ¾ %, reflecting fairly the feeling in London.

### RUSSIAN BONDS.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Russian Ministry of Finance warns the public against sacrificing Russia securities owing to heavy falls; he expects a calmer attitude and, "though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakable." This is a significant indication of the sensation caused throughout Russia.

### FINANCIAL SITUATION IN S. PEYERSBURG.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Japanese successes have caused such a panic on the St. Petersburg Bourse, that the situation there has become critical. Holders of Government stocks are losing enormously and several Banks are tottering.

### FOOTBALL.

H. K. F. C. v. H. M. S. "CRESSY."

Played at Happy Valley, under Rugby rules, this match resulted in a win for the Hongkong Football Club. A large number of spectators, including H. E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., watched the game, play being of a very interesting description. *Cressy* won the toss and decided to play with the wind in their favour. Sandford, of the Club, kicked off. Following up, the Club kept the leather in the sailors' half for some time, showing superior play with regard to passing and organisation generally than their opponents. Sandford and Pearce played well together; work in the many scrums was fairly even. Eventually the Club made an onward movement, but after another scrum, a *Cressy* man got away with the ball, not being collared till almost home. Arthur relieved the heavy pressure on the Club by a touch down. The ball being kicked the Club resumed their attack. By steady work the club eventually scored a try, honours falling to Pearce. Pearce, shortly afterwards, when bounding away with the oval, had his jersey pulled off his back by one of the naval team; some movement was caused by this incident. At half time the Club had scored a try to the *Cressy's* nothing. In the second half the Club again manifested their superiority, though, indeed, the leather was kept in their half for some little time after resuming the game. Play changed about from one side to the other for some time. The Club getting away, a good try was scored by Whitmore. Pearce, in endeavouring to convert, shot straight, but did not put enough "beef" into the kick, the ball falling low. From this the finish the naval team seemed to have lost heart, and the game lost interest somewhat. Whitmore and two occasions secured the ball and, outstripping his opponents, scored between the posts. Pearce converting in each instance. The result was an easy win for the H.K.F.C.—2 goals, 2 tries (16 points) to nil.

### SHIELD RISE.

Two matches in the second round of the Association Shield were played off last week, but for some reason no notification of the result was given to the local papers before. Both were in the second round and the results were as follows:—  
H.M.S. *Albion* beat H.M.S. *Tamar* (2-0).  
H.M.S. *Cressy* beat Sherwood Foresters (3-1) on the 11th inst.

This afternoon in the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Cressy*, starting at 4.30 p.m. The following will play for the Club:—  
A. N. O'Her; goal; E. C. Anston and E. V. Ancest, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and C. T. Lane, halves; W. H. Williams, C. E. S. Cooper, R. Hancock, R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby, forwards.

## THE WAR.

### OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE TELEGRAMS.

The Japanese Consul, Mr. Masaiichi Noma, sends us the following official telegram received by him from Japan on Saturday:—

"Tokyo, 12th February, 5.30 p.m.—On the 11th inst. two of our merchant vessels, the *Nakanoura Maru* and *Zensho Maru*, when on their way from Sakata to Otaru, were attacked and surrounded by four Russian cruisers near Henshik (Aomori prefecture). The *Nakanoura Maru* was sunk, but the *Zensho Maru* escaped to Fukuyama. These four Russian cruisers are still cruising round the northern coast of Japan."

With reference to these cruisers the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha received on Saturday the following telegram:—

"Shanghai, 12th February, 8.30 p.m.—A telegram received from our Head Office at Tokyo communicates that three Russian cruisers have been destroyed by Japanese torpedo boats at Aomori."

The Japanese Consul sends us a copy of the report of Admiral Togo, Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Japanese Squadron, on the 10th inst., which was substantially as follows:—

"At midnight on the 8th inst. our torpedo flotilla attacked with success the Russian Fleet in the outer roads of Port Arthur, and on the following day, the 9th, at 10 a.m. we made an attack for forty minutes, when the Russians fled into the harbour. At 1 p.m. we ceased firing and retired. Our ships were but slightly damaged, none being lost. Our losses were four killed and fifty-four wounded. Imperial Princes are all in safety. Our torpedo flotilla rejoined the main squadron after the battle. Officers and men are in high spirits, and behaved with great gallantry during the fight, as if at ordinary manoeuvres."

The Japanese Consul further informed us yesterday that he had received the following official message:—

"Request made through British Consul to our Consul at Chemulpo for placing 34 of the wounded Russians under the care of some charitable Japanese was willingly acceded to. They will be placed in the Japanese Nursing Hospital at Chemulpo and treated by Japanese doctors."

At 11 p.m. on Friday the naval authorities received the following telegram:—

"During the fight outside Port Arthur on the morning of the 9th inst., four Japanese were killed and fifty-four wounded. Slight damage was done to the Japanese ships, but nothing to impair their fighting power."

### EXCITING VOYAGE OF A JAPANESE STEAMER.

The steamship *Sado Maru*, of the Japan Mail Steamship Company, which arrived at the Royal Albert Dock on the 12th ult., arrived two days ahead of her scheduled time. Her voyage from Marseilles had been watched with some anxiety by the Company in view of the number of Russian war-ships which are known to be in the Mediterranean and in the Straits. A Press representative, in conversation with one of the officers yesterday, ascertained that a declaration of war between Japan and Russia had been expected daily throughout the vessel's voyage, and great was the relief of the crew on arrival at each successive port to ascertain that hostilities had not been commenced. The first occurrence, however, to arouse the apprehension of the officers was the presence of a Russian volunteer cruiser, heavily armed, at Hongkong on the arrival of the *Sado Maru* there. The Russian ship was still in port when the steamer left Hongkong, but on reaching Singapore there again was the same cruiser riding at anchor, having passed the *Sado Maru* on the voyage. The Russian vessel followed the Japanese steamer to Colombo, and it was only after leaving that port that the captain got rid of his unwelcome companion. In the Mediterranean the officers kept a sharp look-out, but Marseilles was reached without interference, although several Russian torpedo-boats were sighted in the neighbourhood of Malta. The steamer left the French port for London as the *Sado Maru*. This same night a remarkable change was effected in her appearance. Her Japanese name was obliterated, the black funnel of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha boats became red, while other alterations were made in the vessel's appearance, and, to complete the change, the vessel was rechristened the *Banin*. Then to get quickly out of the Mediterranean, the captain steamed on rapidly. Fortunately for the *Sado Maru*, rough weather was experienced during the latter part of the voyage, and no torpedo-boats could have lived in the heavy seas. Once in the shelter of the English Channel, the *Sado Maru* was safe from molestation, and steps were then taken to restore the ship to its original appearance.

### ARRIVAL OF H.M.S. "KING ALFRED."

The British Far Eastern Squadron was reconstituted by the arrival on Saturday of H.M.S. *King Alfred* from home. Captain H. C. King, R.N., is in command. She brings a large number of reliefs for the ships on the station. It was originally intended that the *King Alfred* would not remain here but would carry back the time-expired men from the *Glory*. The *King Alfred* is a sister ship of the *Leviathan*, and is one of the four armoured cruisers of the *Drake* class. She is a vessel of 14,100 tons, 31,156 horsepower. Her armament consists of two 9.2-in., sixteen 6-in., fourteen 12-pdr., three 3-pdr., and nine light guns. Her complement is 813 and her coal capacity 2,500 tons. With her 23.46 knots speed she is a magnificent war-vessel.

## HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

China New Year's Eve arrives with all Northernmost Asia in a turmoil and the whole East in excitement. Even those careless of outside news, as the Southern Chinese are wont to be, seem anxious to know what is happening. Local Chinese papers have gone the length of publishing pink "Extras" detailing the latest from the North. I do not know whether Canton shares the anxiety of Chinese Hongkong or goes to the length of special editions. Certainly our natives are not apathetic about the crisis, even though New Year festivities must necessarily occupy their thoughts a good deal just now and for the next few days.

No new-comer should fail to visit the western end of the town to-day, if he has not already done so, since the thoughts of the Chinese have turned to their annual holiday. The streets wear the aspect of an English country fair—with a difference. The stalls are there, lining each side of the principal thoroughfares, and the people throng in the streets. But it is not such a scene of "bustle and jollity, business, frivolity" as, for example, the Cockney associates with his Mile End Road. He will miss the rancorous shouting, the boisterous merriment of the vendors of small wares, and also the shows which he saws prominently in the "fun of the fair," but he will nevertheless see a great deal to interest him. Many of the stalls bear collections of Chinese art and manufactures such as only persistent bargain-hunters can discover at any other time of the year, and by taking advantage of the vendor's desire to have as much cash in hand as possible by the closing hour of the year it is possible to pick up many excellent little "bargains." It is also possible now as at any time to pay for an article twice its value. When after purchasing an article at half the price originally asked, the vendor added into the bargain the consolatory remark "you b'long no fools." I asked him if it was his experience that "foreign men b'long fools," and he replied: "Fleety foreign men b'long fools, but foreign women, they more saven."

Appropos of the approach of the New Year, with its deafening and continuous explosion of crackers and the beating of gongs, I have thought that it may dispose the Westerner to think charitably of the noise if I mention that an American physician, whose observations appear in a paper called the *Medical Brief*, holds that noise has an excellent effect in a great many cases of illness. He says that a patient of his was once at the point of death. He had received the last rites of the Church, the pulses had ceased, and he had fallen into that state of coma which ordinarily precedes death. Suddenly someone in the next house struck up the "Anvil Chorus" from *Il Trovatore*—not a bad substitute for Chinese gongs. Then the patient's pulse began to beat again, he opened his eyes and began to hum the tune. This was the turning point, and was followed by complete recovery. Who, after this, will not welcome the New Year with all its attendant noises? I have at times thought that something should be done to abate a lot of the unnecessary "toot-tooting" of steam launches early in the morning, but after this discovery I will refrain from making the suggestion, lest I stand some day in danger of expiring through sheer want of noise.

Now that we have to put up with the naval dock in the heart of the city I suppose we must make the best of it. It was objected before the commencement of the work, and I have heard the objection raised ever recently that the construction of the dock would lead to the silting of the harbour, and give rise to most offensive smells in the neighbourhood of the Club. As a matter of fact, those fears have not been realised, and so far as the silting objection is concerned it has been absolutely disproved. There is no more silting in this part of the harbour now than there was before the dock was commenced—probably very much less, as shipping men have noticed that the construction of the dock has had the effect of considerably increasing the strength of the current in the harbour, and that in itself would do the work of a dredger.

The subject of street nuisances is one which has been attracting a good deal of attention of late. But there is one which has not been mentioned by any of the letter-to-the-Editor men that cries for remedy as much as any of the other evils. And that is the practice that prevails, in the neighbourhood of new buildings, of masons working granite in the public street or in such close proximity to it as to menace the safety of the eyes of people walking on the street. During one day at the end of last week the pavement at one of the most congested parts of Queen's Road—the foot of D'Aguiar Street—was taken up by masons shipping granite, to the interruption of traffic as well as to the danger of pedestrians' eyes. When granite has to be worked on the street, the police should see that a shield or wooden barrier is erected to keep the splinters from invading the thoroughfare.

It had been proposed at first to wind up the very successful series of monthly dances promoted by the Masonic Quadrille Club with a big ball in the City Hall—a fancy dress ball was even suggested—but now it has been definitely decided to have the last dance of the season in the same place as the others took place in, the Masonic Hall in Zetland Street. These dances have been very popular and enjoyable; their success tells of hard work on the part of Mr. H. W. Wolfe and Mr. G. J. W. King, the president and his secretary. With the incoming of the summer, the Club is not to be dissolved. It is proposed, I understand, during the hot months to have fortnightly launch-picnics. This departure should appeal to all, and will no doubt draw many new members into the Club. The membership now numbers nearly 150.

BANYAN.

## "HIS EXCELLENCY"

## THE A.D.C. AT THE THEATRE.

On Saturday night at the Theatre Royal the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club gave the first of four performances of *His Excellency*, the comic opera by Messrs. W. S. Gilbert and Oswald Carr. This is the piece which, it will be remembered, was to have been played three years ago, but, owing to the death of the late Queen Victoria was never played in Hongkong. The A. D. C. suffered a heavy pecuniary loss then, owing to the fact that all the costumes had been purchased and the other necessary arrangements made. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the present short run will be more than usually remunerative, so as to make up to the A. D. C. for the previous disappointment. If the house on Saturday night is any index, the Club's coffers should be well filled. Certainly a most favourable impression was made by the first performance, and we have no doubt a large number of those present will pay a second visit at least. Those who were not in the theatre on the first night may assuredly be advised to go at the earliest opportunity if they have not booked seats yet. The Hongkong A. D. C. is noted for its conscientious renderings of the plays which it attempts, and it is no more flattery to say in the present case that all the actors and actresses worked loyally and well, and that the performance compared favourably with any comic opera which has been seen here of late years. *His Excellency* is not the best of Mr. Gilbert's librettos, but it is distinctly amusing, and Dr. Osmond Carr's music is tuneful throughout. The play demands a large cast, and it is more than creditable to the Colony to be able to find so many capable exponents, both of acting and of singing. A great misfortune befell the A. D. C. just before the opening night. Mrs. E. W. Mitchell, a lady who was to have filled the most responsible female part, being compelled by illness in her family to abandon it. No suitable substitute could be found until a naval gentleman was prevailed upon to undertake the character at the shortest notice. At the dress rehearsal Mr. Phillips read from the book; on Saturday night he played the rôle admirably. Certainly the name of "handy man" is well deserved by him. If his ship is not ordered north, he should be word-perfect on the second night—next Thursday—and that is all that is required to make his performance first class.

On Saturday it may be said that three members of the cast stood out amid the general excellence. They were Surgeon H. L. Norris, Lieut. Davidson, and Mrs. Hall Wright. Mr. Norris was delightfully humorous and, singing well into the bargain, made a great feature of the part of the Syndic, Mats Munk. Lieut. Davidson added appreciably to the favour which he has gained with Hongkong audiences. He is a clever young actor and has decidedly shown his versatility in the different parts he has played on the local stage. Mrs. Hall Wright is a new actress to Hongkong. She is indeed a welcome addition to local amateur dramatic talent. As Naana she was quite the life of the scenes in which she appeared, and had recalls been permitted she would have been obliged to come back time after time. But the A. D. C. wisely decided not to permit recalls, owing to the length of the opera. The audience, however, fully showed its appreciation of Mrs. Hall Wright's charming impersonation of the Governor's daughter. Capt. Bush, who has made two or three previous appearances in the Theatre Royal, made a handsome and effective Prince Regent, and his duets with Lieut. Davidson were warmly applauded. Mr. George Lamont sang well in the part of Erling Syke. Perhaps he might have been a trifle more dramatic in action, but his presence was good. Dr. Hall Wright gave an excellent interpretation of the rôle of the "pitiful pill-roller," Dr. Tortenson. Surgeon Horley was a splendid and resplendent representative of the corporal of the King's Hussars, who were a fine body of men. The Hussars' chorus was one of the successes of the play. Of Mr. Phillips we have already spoken. He undoubtedly extricated the A. D. C. from a difficult position and deserves their best thanks. Mrs. Craddock had the leading vocal part among the ladies, and filled it very gracefully. Her songs would certainly have obtained encores. Mrs. Hagen played Thora, one of the Governor's daughters, and both in acting and singing made a hit. Mrs. Maitland, in the dashing costume of a *vivandière*, was a very effective foil to the strapping Hussars. Smaller parts were creditably undertaken and the chorus was both capable and powerful. We cannot of course single out any among so many. The costumes were for the most part all that could be desired—we say for the most part, for there were one or two rather harsh contrasts in colours. This remark does not apply to the principals' dresses, which were one and all very pleasing. The scenery, executed from the designs of Mr. H. W. Bird, would not have disgraced a home theatre. Messrs. Bird's statue was a notable feature; it must have been exported from Florence unknown to the Italian Government, which does not allow art treasures to be lost to the country any longer. The orchestra, under the able conductorship of Mr. A. G. Ward, played in capital style; its reinforcement by some of the Sherwood Foresters' bandmen was by kind permission of the Colonel and officers.

We must not omit to mention that the efforts of Messrs. Caldwell and Chapman, the Stage and Acting Managers, were most successful; and Mr. E. W. Mitchell's experienced training.

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was visible throughout, though he was unhappily obliged to be absent on Saturday.

The following was the full cast:—  
The Prince Regent (disguised as Nils Egilson, a strolling player) Capt. Bush, R.A.  
George Griffenfeld (Governor of Elsinore)... Lieut. Davidson, R.A.  
Erling Syke (a young sculptor) Mr. Geo. Lamont  
Dr. Tortenson (a young physician) Dr. Hall Wright  
Mats Munk (syndic of Elsinore) Surg. H. L. Norris, R.N.  
Corporal Harold (of the King's Hussars)... Surg. R. R. Horley, R.N.  
A Sentry... Lt. A. C. Butt, R.N.  
First Officer... Mr. H. A. Solt  
Second Officer... Mr. R. Henderson  
Christiana (a ballet singer)... Mrs. Craddock  
Naana (Giffenfeld's daughter)... Mrs. Hall Wright  
Thora (a daughter)... Mrs. Hagen  
Dame Hecla Cortina (a lady of property)... Mrs. W. J. L. Phillips  
Blanca (a Vivandière)... Mrs. F. Maitland  
Elsa (a peasant girl)... Miss Hazeland  
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## THE HONGKONG RACES.

The following were some of Saturday morning's times:—  
Set 1-mile:—34, 1.16, 1.39.  
Mead and Starting, 11-miles:—36, 1.08, 1.44, 2.19, 2.55.  
Punder, 12-miles:—58, 1.13, 1.47, 2.22, 2.56.  
Once More and Delta, 13-miles:—38, 1.13, 1.49, 2.21, 2.58, 3.32.  
Northern Rose, 1-mile: last 1/2—35, 1.10, 1.44.  
Rajah, 1-mile:—35, 1.10, 1.43, 2.14.  
Perseverance, 1-mile: 35, 1.09, 1.44, 2.20.  
Regret, Alarm, MongOOSE, and Clifton, 1-mile:—38, 1.10, 1.42.  
Sylvia Rose, 11-miles:—36, 1.11, 1.46, 2.23, 2.54.  
Fiscal, 1-mile:—38, 1.14, 1.47, 2.17.  
Trot Yut and Standard, 1-mile:—36, 1.10, 1.43.  
Discipline, 11-miles:—37, 1.15, 1.91, 2.22, 2.54.  
Yellow Skin, 1-mile:—37, 1.16, 1.52, 2.26.  
Rocket, 11-miles:—36, 1.10, 1.45, 2.19, 2.54, 3.29.  
Quebec, 12-miles:—40, 1.18, 1.53, 2.30, 3.05, 3.39, 4.12.  
Aladdin and Discard, 12-miles:—38 3/5, 1.15, 1.50, 2.26, 3.01, 3.34, 4.09.  
La France Rose, 11-miles:—38, 1.11, 1.45, 2.19, 2.53, 3.28.  
Coronet Rose, 11-miles:—38, 1.13, 1.47, 2.21, 2.54, 3.29.  
Discipline, 11-miles:—36, 1.09, 1.44, 2.19, 2.55, 3.31.  
Rea and Royal, 11-miles:—36, 1.14, 1.48, 2.21.  
Dandy, 1-mile:—37, 1.03, 1.39, 2.01.  
Che Sai, 11-miles, full time:—2.47.  
School Girl, 1-mile, last 1/2—30, 1.0, 1.29.

## POLO.

Although there were not so many sporting events taking place in the Colony as is usual on a Saturday, a large and fashionable crowd assembled at Causeway Bay on Saturday afternoon last to witness the first match for a cup that has hitherto been presented to the Polo Club by H. E. Mr. May, who is a great supporter of the game. The two teams that met were the 93rd Burma and the Civilian, and as the result will show they were equally matched, the 93rd losing only by subsidiary goals.

The teams consisted of the following: Civilian—H. E. Mr. May (1), Mr. J. Johnston (2), Mr. Hastings (3), Mr. C. H. Ross (back). 93rd Burma—Mr. Simpson (1), Capt. Carleton (2), Major Strickland, I. M. S. (3), Major Radcliff (back). Two goals were played, and in each the 93rd played a very well fought game, being mounted on much slower and smaller ponies than their opponents. No very exciting play was witnessed in the first quarter, and although the Civilian managed to score two subsidiary goals to the 93rd's one before the bell rang the latter had much the better of it, pressing their opponents hard. On the game being resumed some much faster and more brilliant play was to be seen than in the first quarter, and the 93rd managed to score a goal soon after recommencing. After this the Civilian scored in subsidiary goals, and pressed very hard. However the 93rd nearly got the better of them, Simpson placing the ball right in the centre of the Civilian's goal within a few inches of the line. His own No. 2, thinking the ball was over the line, did not back him up, and the goal was brilliantly saved by Mr. C. H. Ross, who all through played a very defensive and strong game, especially in the first quarter. The bad luck of the 93rd continued, and by it they lost their chance of the cup, as the score when the bell rang was—Civilian 2 goals and 6 subs, 93rd 2 goals and 1 sub. The Civilian winning by subsidiary goals only. Simpson and Carleton of the 93rd, and Ross for his side all played an excellent game.

A club team meets the victors on Thursday next, when another good match should be witnessed.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers the band of the 93rd played selections during the afternoon, when ordinary games were being played between the match.

## BOWLING.

The second team bowling match between the Hongkong Club and the Club Germania ended on Saturday in favour of the Germans. The scores were as follows:

GERMAN CLUB.	
2 Koch	1364
3 Lamont	1335
4 Elbe	1302
5 Wagner	1250
9 Nicolai	1218
11 Thum	1136
	7695
HONGKONG CLUB.	
1 Lt. Gibson	1397
6 Woodcock	1242
7 Lt. Ford	1235
8 Ellis	1224
10 Sims	1153
12 Holyoske	905
	7162

Both teams played very well, but finally the victory fell to the Germans by no less than 443 points. The German second team made a better score proportionately than their own first team; the latter team bowling in December last (when 8 players were on each side) made a total score of 9858 points.

## CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. RESERVES V. CRAIGENOWER C.C.  
The Club Reserves gained a fairly easy victory in this League match on the Cricket Ground on Saturday. After scoring 134 for 8 wickets they declared their innings closed and dismissed the Craigenower team for 81. The losers' bowlers did not meet with their usual amount of success, though both Craik and Pestonjee had good figures. The stand by Piper and George Lamont after 8 wickets had gone down for 91 did as much as anything to give the Club their three points; and when the Craigenower went in Rutherford's bowling was irresistible. With the last 3 balls of the match he performed the hat-trick, Brown (who had played a good innings, Stuart, and Pestonjee being his victims). Scores and analysis:—

H.K.C.C. RESERVES.	
H. A. Lamont, c. Baza, b. Craik	13
C. Craik, b. Brown	0
T. C. Gray, b. L. E. Lamont	7
N. H. Rutherford, c. L. E. Lamont, b. J. Craik	39
J. Craik, b. Brown	4
P. E. W. H. b. Pestonjee, b. Brown	12
D. Piper, not out	30
G. Grimbly, b. Pestonjee	0
G. P. Lamont, c. M. E. Asger, b. Craik	0
T. H. Kew, not out	14
F. W. Coltrough, did not bat.	7
Extras	7
Total (innings declared)	134

CRAIGENOWER C.C.	
J. D. Kinnaird, c. and b. N. H. Rutherford	4
J. Craik, b. P. Lamont	5
L. E. Lamont, c. C. C. Gray, b. N. H. Rutherford	0
A. O. Brown, c. and b. Rutherford	43
L. A. Ross, b. G. P. Lamont	4
R. Baza, b. Rutherford	6
M. E. Asger, c. Wolf, b. Gray	7
T. C. Gray, c. Kew, b. Gray	4
J. L. Stuart, b. Rutherford	0
H. P. Austin, not out	0
R. Pestonjee, c. Kew, b. Rutherford	0
Extras	0
Total	81

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
H.K.C.C. RESERVES.	
A. O. Brown	12 2 52 1
L. E. Lamont	7 0 30 1
J. Craik	10 1 25 3
Craik	2 0 14 1
Pestonjee	6 4 6 2
CRAIGENOWER C.C.	
G. P. Lamont	0 0 0 0
N. H. Rutherford	11 4 26 2
G. Grimbly	3 0 13 0
T. C. Gray	3 0 14 2

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. V. ROYAL ENGINEERS.  
This match, played at Happy Valley on Saturday last, ended after a very pleasant game in a victory for the Civil Service. The victory was chiefly due to the batting of Dr. Atkinson and Wicheil, while Lambie carried off the bowling honours. For the losers Melldrum batted well and Weaver was successful with the ball. Scores and analysis:—

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.	
G. A. Woodcock, c. T. H. Lambie, b. Raven	13
R. Wicheil, c. and b. Weaver	26
Hon. Dr. Atkinson, c. and b. Weaver	28
P. T. Lambie, b. Raven	0
H. T. Jackson, b. W. B. Raven	8
R. Pennington, b. Raven	3
L. E. Bratt, b. Weaver	0
F. T. Robins, b. Weaver	0
W. H. W. Colley, not out	8
C. P. McKinnon, b. Weaver	0
A. Hutchings, c. T. H. Lambie, b. Weaver	2
Extras	17
Total	115

ROYAL ENGINEERS.	
Tillman, b. Lambie	0
Smith, b. Lambie	3
White, b. Wicheil	2
Weaver, c. Atkinson, b. Lambie	0
Melldrum, b. Lambie	16
Raven, run out	0
Glasgow, c. Parkinson, b. Lambie	1
Roddaway, b. Lambie	2
Kidwell, not out	6
Mannell, c. Jackson, b. Wicheil	3
Wilkie, c. Dr. Atkinson, b. Wicheil	0
Extras	2
Total	35

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
CIVIL SERVICE C.C.	
Raven	13 1 46 4
Glasgow	3 0 19 0
Weaver	9 3 24 6
ROYAL ENGINEERS.	
Lambie	0 0 0 0
Wicheil	7 1 14 3

A.O.C. V. PARSON C.C.  
The A.O.C. played their last League fixture on Saturday v. the Parsones, winning by 108 runs and 4 wickets. The Parsones were two men short. The A. O. C. have now won the Cricket Shield for the ensuing 12 months, H.M.S. Tamar having scratched both their League fixtures with them. Scores:—

PARSONES.	
R. Cooper, b. Davies	6
J. Mehta, b. Davies	0
D. Captain, b. Davies	1
J. Norris, b. Davies	11
J. Battouge, b. Davies	1
C. Mowbray, b. Davies	0
G. Master, b. Davies	0
N. Rejunge, run out	0
D. Vanka, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	21
A.O.C.	
P. G. Davies (capt.) b. Cooper	31
T. Webb, c. Norris, b. Cooper	57
H. E. Schimer, b. Norris	5
T. Oliver, b. Captain	2
J. Battouge, b. Captain	7
A. E. Huxwell, b. Captain	23
E. Bradford, not out	3
Total (6 wickets)	129

The following is the League Table up to date:—

Played. Won. Lost. Drawn. Points.	
A.O.C.	14 13 1 0 39
Civil Service	11 6 2 1 25
Craigengower	12 6 4 2 20
R.E.	10 5 5 0 15
H.K.C.C. "A"	11 5 6 0 15
H.M.S. Tamar	9 2 7 0 6
R.A.M.C.	9 1 7 1 4
Parsones	10 1 9 0 3

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—  
On the 13th at 11.55a. The barometer has fallen generally in South China and the Philippines and is probably highest over N. China.  
The depression in the N. of Japan has probably passed into the Pacific.  
There is no information this morning from the North of Hongkong.  
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## SERGEANT McSWAYED.

On Saturday last ex-Sergeant Angus McSwayed of the Hongkong Police Force sailed for home on the *Malta*. He has been invalided on pension, after nearly ten years' service in the Colony, through having had to have a part of his left foot amputated as a result of an accident which happened to him while on Fire Brigade duty. Just before his departure for the steamer *Sergeant McSwayed* was entertained at the Central Police Station by the members of the Police Force and was made the recipient of a handsome gold chain and a substantial cheque. Mr. J. W. Hanson, Chief of the Detective Staff, presided, and amongst others present were Inspector P. McNab, Inspector D. McDonald, Inspector D. D. Cuthbert, Inspector W. G. Warneck, all of the Police; Inspector D. J. McKenzie, Inspector R. McEwen, Senior Inspector T. Conolly and Mr. J. J. Spooner.

Mr. Hanson in making the presentation on behalf of the Force said the feelings of regret which always accompanied such gatherings as that when they met to bid anyone good-bye were intensified on the present occasion by the circumstances under which *Sergeant McSwayed* was obliged to leave. He had served nearly 10 years in the Force. Unfortunately on the 8th September last he met with an accident which necessitated his going to hospital and undergoing an operation through which, as they very much deplored, he lost the use of one foot. He congratulated *Sergeant McSwayed* on having secured the recommendation of the responsible officials for his past services, a recommendation which had obtained for him a life pension of £71 5s. 7d.; and he would only remark that they all thanked those officials for what they had done. *Sergeant McSwayed* had promoted sport and had often, as was his nature, caused many a hearty laugh and promoted good feeling in the Force. They were all sorry he was going, but yet he was going home, and he would be there met by his mother who, with all his faults, would love him still. (Applause.) In conclusion Mr. Hanson handed over to *Sergeant McSwayed* the purse and chain, the inscription on the pendant of which, he said, would serve, if that were necessary, to remind the recipient of those who were still left in Hongkong to swelter. (Applause.)

*Sergeant McSwayed* replied in a feeling terms and afterwards bade good-bye to the company. A large number of friends accompanied him on board the *Malta*, and *Piper Sinclair* played as parting tunes the air known as "Rolling home to Scotland on a P. and O. boat" and the specially composed "*McSwayed's Farewell to Hongkong*."

## POLICE COURT.

Saturday, 13th February.

(Before Messrs. T. SERCOMBE SMITH, H. H. J. GOMPERTZ, and J. H. KEMP, POLICE MAGISTRATES.)

## AIDING DESERTION.

Remanded from Friday the case in which Frieman, proprietor, and Taylor, barman of the hotel "The Land We Live In" was called on Saturday afternoon at 2.15 p.m. for judgment.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. G. K. H. Bratton, for Frieman. Taylor was unrepresented.  
Mr. T. Sercombe Smith said the court had considered the case and had come to the conclusion that while the conduct of Frieman was suspicious, and not such as might be expected from the licensee of an hotel, there was not sufficient evidence to convict upon. There was some reasonable excuse for Taylor as he was an American and did not know that British men-of-war's men were not allowed to wear anything but their service clothes, even when on leave, or to leave the Colony. Both men must therefore be discharged.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Roon*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 19th ult., left Singapore on the 13th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on the 18th inst., at 5 p.m.  
The Austrian Lloyd's Steamer *Silesia*, left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst.  
The H.A.L. Steamer *Sambia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port 12th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 19th inst.  
The E. & A. Steamer *Eastern*, from Sydney, left Manila on the 14th inst., and is due here tomorrow.  
The C. & M. Steamer *Babi* left Manila on the 13th inst., and is due here this afternoon.  
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E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [1]

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [521]

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. [522]

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. [518]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [436]

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Hongkong, 12th February, 1904. [507]

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Amoy, 20th January, 1904. [321]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [205]

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [498]

## THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

A CERTIFICATE No. 448 for Six Shares Nos. 11451/11456 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. FLORENCE MINA HUNT has been LOST.

Notice is hereby given that a new Certificate for the said Six Shares will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the original Certificate unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., General Agents for the

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [503]

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [314]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [386]

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1904, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [385]

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [389]

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th FEBRUARY, to the 5th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th instant, to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [458]

## HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Offices of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

## OWNERS OF HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon are hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws any domestic building or part of such building which is occupied by members of more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Board, be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED throughout to the satisfaction of the Board during the months of January and February.

The Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the 25th February.

Note.—The boundaries of the above Districts have been altered and are now as follows:—

THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY is BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the west by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north end thereof through the Yauwatt service reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order,

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, 4th January, 1904. [136]

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Mr. HAMID HAJEE ALARKHTA is about to leave the Colony. Mr. SULEMAN KARL MAHOMED has taken over charge of our business, and will sign for Firm from this date.

M. H. E-SACK ELLIAS,

Hongkong, 9th February, 1904. [472]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence from the Colony of Mr. A. H. MANCILL, is authorized to sign "for Secretary."

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [513]

## AUCTION.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [518]

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, at 5.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of passing the Accounts for the Year 1903 and electing a Committee and Officers for the present year.

M. S. NORTHGOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [514]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3434]

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1904. [3306]

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

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THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.  
HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.  
Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2160]

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSEN &amp; CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [1]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPPELLE.

THE undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [99]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

THE undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LARPAIK &amp; CO., Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [129]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [184]

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [227]

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Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1888]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY &amp; WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [458]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th inst.

A Stand and an Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets after MONDAY, 15th inst. All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [459]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACECOURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the undersigned between MONDAY, 15th, and SATURDAY, 20th inst.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [460]

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1903. [283]

## A FRENCH VIEW OF THE COREAN QUESTION.

The *Elair* (Paris) publishes a letter from M. André Cheradame, the well-known French writer, dated from Hongkong, November 26, in which he examines the respective interests of Russia and Japan in Corea. M. Cheradame says that, as he understands it, the simplest form in which the Korean question presents itself is the following:—Will Corea remain a region where the Japanese will acquire in time of peace a dominant position economically, or, on the contrary, will either the Russians or the Japanese attempt by force to take possession of it politically? Corea, with its soil, which is said to be rich in gold, silver, copper, iron and coal, and with its advantageous geographical situation, is likely to become the prey of one of these two Powers. Among themselves many Russians say:—Now that we have Manchuria, Corea ought also to be ours. We must of necessity possess the south-east part of the Asiatic continent. If those desires should be realised, says M. Cheradame, Dalny would evidently be no longer the terminus of the Transcontinental Asiatic Railway; it would yield its place to a port on the south of Corea, probably Fusan.

With reference to these hypotheses, M. Cheradame draws attention to the importance of the point named Lianyung. Lianyung is at present a station of the Trans-Manchurian railway between Newchwang and Mukden, about three hours to the south of the latter point. For the last three years the Russians have been strongly installed at Lianyung, a very interesting fact, for the reason that this is the point of junction between the Trans-Manchurian and the old Chinese telegraph line, which follows the route from Lianyung to the Yalu, that is to say, the northern frontier of Corea. It has already frequently been said that the Russians contemplate the construction of a railway following the same direction. It is, therefore, this projected railway which might eventually become the instrument of the invasion of Corea.

In addition to these particulars of a total absorption, there are, continues M. Cheradame, others who say that they do not wish for all Corea, but simply for the part situated to the north of a line drawn from the further end of the Bay of Corea to the south of Port Lazareff, thus joining the points where the Korean peninsula narrows down. The advantage of this occupation would be to give Russia a much less extended frontier, and therefore one much easier and less costly to guard. Representatives of the Tsar, and notably those who understand the consequences which an indefinite advance towards the East would involve for the foreign policy of Russia, are inclined to incline to what is called the "independence of Corea." The Japanese, for their part, declare that they are in favour of this independence, which, however, they interpret after a fashion of their own. It was through Corea that Chinese civilisation reached Japan, and the Japanese have remained for centuries constantly in relations with this country, which of all the Asiatic continent is the nearest to their own. To-day, when the population of the Japanese archipelago exceeds 40 millions inhabitants, and increases by more than 600,000 a year, it is quite easy to understand how it is that Corea appears to the Government at Tokio as a natural and, indeed, an indispensable outlet.

The Russians, who since installing themselves at Port Arthur have frequently officially declared their wish to respect the independence of Corea, at present content themselves with exploiting on the Yalu the rich, wooded territories of which the Korean Government has made them concessions. It is true that these concessions have not yet been clearly delimited; that is a circumstance susceptible of giving rise to ulterior difficulties. The Japanese, on the contrary, are already almost everywhere in Corea. They have taken all the parts of the coast, where their clear new houses contrast favourably with the miserable huts of the Korean fishermen, who, although in their own country, have assumed already the appearance of a subject people. At Seoul the Japanese have a very important colony on ground which has been conceded to them. They have also created in the centre of the Korean capital a veritable Japanese city. They have their own soldiers, to the number of several hundreds, well equipped and armed, and their own policemen, who in case of need would not hesitate at all to go to the aid of their fellow-countrymen whom they considered likely to be molested. The Japanese, whose number constantly increases at Seoul, continually enlarge their concessions. As it has no precise limits, and as the Koreans are incredibly timid, the subjects of the Mikado do in reality pretty much as they please.

In Corea, moreover, certain of the instruments of sovereign power are already in their hands. They have a Japanese bank, whose notes circulate throughout the whole of the peninsula. They have a Japanese post at Seoul, provided with an excellent office. Most of the telegraph lines are in their hands, as well as the railway from Seoul to Chemulpo, which they repurchased from an American company. They are also representatives of the important Fusan-Song River line, which they are constructing themselves, and which will be completely open for traffic in three or four years from now. In time of peace the economic occupation of Corea by the Japanese is, therefore, in process of realisation.

Consequently, it is easy to see, concludes M. Cheradame, that, having been obliged to evacuate the peninsula of Liaotung to sea it occupied by the Russians, after having been led progressively to renounce all pretension to Manchuria, the Japanese are firmly resolved not to cede to the possibility of the seizure by Russia of a country which is within their sphere of influence. They will not consent to any text to sacrifice the results of enormous efforts which are already in a fair way of attaining success.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their Weekly Share List, dated Hongkong, 13th February:—

War has at last broken out between Russia and Japan, but it is to be hoped that the hostilities may be localised, and that none of the Great Western Powers will be drawn into the conflict. Business, under such circumstances, has been very limited and chiefly confined to Shipping Shares, in which some trade has been done at rising rates; but the market for these shares closes somewhat quieter, the rising stock exchange naturally influencing the market adversely. The sterling discount rate on London is 1 1/2 3/16, while the rates on Shanghai are quite nominal, the money market being disturbed on account of the approaching Chinese New Year.

BANK SHARES.—A few Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares sold at \$64 1/2, but there are sellers now at \$64; the London rate is \$61.

NATIONALS are wanted at \$34.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Nothing has been done in stock under this heading, and quotations are unchanged with the exception of China Traders, which are on offer at \$55.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong sold and are in small demand at \$305; the 35th

ordinary annual meeting of shareholders will be held on 5th proximo, transfer books closing from 20th instant to 5th proximo. Chinas have sellers at \$91 1/2; the 35th ordinary meeting of shareholders will be held on 10th proximo, transfer books closing from 25th instant to 10th proximo.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao, sold at declining rates, and there are now sellers at \$28 1/2, the dividend of \$14 per share paid on 8th instant. Indo-China continued the upward movement reported in our last circular, and up to \$85 cash, also up to \$88 for 31st July has been paid, the market closing somewhat easier with cash sellers at \$34; the cash rate in Shanghai is \$14 5/8. China and Manchu sold up to \$25, but a few more shares are for sale. Douglases sold in fair quantities at \$35 cash and \$36 1/2 for end of the month, closing with cash sellers at \$35. Star Ferry is unchanged. Sui Transporters have been fixed at 21s. 0d. to 22s. 0d., closing with sellers at 21s. 0d.

REFINERIES.—China sugars sold at \$105 to \$106 cash and are in demand; business has been done as high as \$109 1/2 for 31st March, and \$112 for 30th June, but time shares are on offer at various unquoted.

MINE SHARES.—Without business; the result of January crashing at the Panjion Mines as revealed by wire, is as follows:—07 ounces gold from 550 tons ore sold, estimated value being \$2,300. A subsequent sale was announced as "important discovery at Marik, likely to prove a valuable ore body." The directors have instructed Mr. Lock, the Rand Australian Gold Mining Co.'s manager, to report on the value of the concession generally, so that they may lay before the general meeting, which is expected to be held in March next, as complete a statement as possible of the value of the Company's property.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company shares sold at \$208 and \$207, and are on offer at latter rate; shares also sold at \$212 for 30th April. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s shares can be placed at \$85. Now Amoy Docks exchanged. Farnham sold locally up to \$125; the latest Shanghai quotation is \$125. 13 buyers. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf and Godown Co.'s shares are quoted \$125.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land, as well as Kowloon Land, also West Point are unchanged and no business has been transacted; the West Point Building Company, Limited, notices that certificates No. 448 for 6 shares (Nos. 1, 451 to 1, 456) standing in the name of Mrs. Florence Mins Hunt, has been lost, and unless produced on or before the 25th instant, a new certificate will be issued, the old one being thereafter considered as null and void. Hongkong Hotels have sellers at \$145. Humphreys' Estates sold at \$104 to \$106 per old share, ex the dividend of 90 cents per share paid on 11th instant, and have further sellers. Shanghai Lands are wanted at \$115.

COTTON MILLS.—No local business has been done and Shanghai quotations are unchanged, with the exception of Loon King Mills, which sold in the morning at \$125. The 10th ordinary general meeting of this Company will be held on 24th instant, transfer books being closed now till that date.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have sellers at \$255 and China Borneo buyers at \$251. Watsons have sellers at \$141. Electricies are on offer at rates quoted last. Ropes sold at \$140 per share ex the dividend of \$10 per share paid on 8th instant. Geo. Farnwick has buyers at \$51. Icos are on offer at \$228 ex the final dividend of \$12 per share paid on 11th instant. Tebrans are offering at \$13. China Residents sold 3 1/2, while Wm. Powells have been negotiated at \$24. Augusts are quoted in the north at \$30; the following telegraphic information dated 1st instant, has been received from the Sumatra director and manager in Langkat: "Daily aggregate output of crude petroleum 84,000 gallons; crude petroleum in tanks at date 136,000 gallons; kerosene made since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram 82,000 cases; kerosene shipped since 82,000 cases; kerosene in stock at refinery at date 74,000 cases."

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notification No. 74 of 5th February, 1904, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transactions of Public Business, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), and WEDNESDAY, the 16th and 17th instant, respectively.  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [508]

## FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) and WEDNESDAY, the 16th and 17th instant, respectively.

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [10-11]

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Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [7]

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [508]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, To-DAY, the 8th inst.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [469]

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [505]

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Inward parcels by s.s. *Dallanet* are now ready for delivery.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dally and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be entirely closed to-morrow, the 16th inst. (Chinese New Year's Day). On Wednesday, the 17th inst., the Office will be open from 7 to 11:30 a.m. to despatch the outgoing German Mail only. Correspondence posted up to 9 a.m. only will be sent out for delivery on that day.

The Money Order Office will be closed on both days.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Hongkong	Monday, 15th, 7:30 a.m.
Foochow	Thames	Monday, 15th, 10:00 a.m.
Singapore, Batavia and Samarang	Tripmas	Monday, 15th, 11:00 a.m.
Ningpo and Shanghai	Washing	Monday, 15th, 11:00 a.m.
Macao	Hongkong	Monday, 15th, 1:15 p.m.
S. rails and Calcutta	Catherine Apeor	Monday, 15th, 2:00 p.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Chengyong	Monday, 15th, 3:00 p.m.
Kongmoon, Kamchuk and Samshui	Sze Yip	Monday, 15th, 3:00 p.m.
Kongmoon, Kamchuk and Samshui	Chengyong	Monday, 15th, 4:00 p.m.
Shanghai	Kinkuan	Monday, 15th, 5:00 p.m.
Canton	Tai Chun	Monday, 15th, 5:00 p.m.
Sambou	Hoi Fu	Monday, 15th, 5:00 p.m.
Macao	Wingchai	Monday, 15th, 5:00 p.m.
Canton	Kinkuan	Wednesday, 17th, 7:30 a.m.
Canton	Hankow	Wednesday, 17th, 9:00 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin (Late Letters 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Canton	Fatshan	Thursday, 18th, 7:30 a.m.
Shanghai	Wonging	Thursday, 18th, 3:00 p.m.
Canton	Hongkong	Thursday, 18th, 5:00 p.m.
Canton	Hankow	Friday, 19th, 7:30 a.m.
Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Empire	Friday, 19th, 11:00 a.m.
Canton	Chihli	Friday, 19th, 3:00 p.m.
Canton	Powam	Friday, 19th, 5:00 p.m.
Canton	Hongkong	Saturday, 20th, 7:30 a.m.
Manila	Kinkuan	Saturday, 20th, 9:00 a.m.
Canton	Kinkuan	Sunday, 21st, 9:00 a.m.

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## COMMERCIAL

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

15th February.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/11 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	1/11 1/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight	1/11 1/2
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	24 3/4
Credits, at 4 months sight	24 3/4
ON GERMANY.—	
On demand	198
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	47
On 60 days sight	47 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	142 1/2
Bank, on demand	143
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	142 1/2
Bank, on demand	143
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank, at sight	70 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	71
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	95 1/2
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	116 1/2
ON HAIPHONG.—	
On demand	14 1/2
ON SAIGON.—	
On demand	1 1/2
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	3
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	
	Nominal
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	
	54 7/8
BANK OF CHINA, per tael	
	56 1/2

on the last instant.

The O.S.S. steamer *Tydenus* should leave Pacific Coast for this port via Japan on the 18th inst.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* left Victoria for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 6th inst.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Ballaarat*, from Bombay, for Hongkong, Lieut. Black; for Shanghai, W. J. Bondal; from Colombo, for Hongkong, Mackay Setty<sup>1</sup> and four children; from London, Mrs. Johnston, and Inf. Act. Lieut. Hongrave, Act. Lieut. Couper, Mrs. Dicken, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Simpson's Amah, Capt. C. G. Dicken, Miss Stillwell, Lieut. E. H. Pratt, Staff Paymt. Brigatoeko Messrs. Banks, A. Nicholson, A. Clark, H. Lock and S. Clunge; from Marseilles, Mrs. Thos. Shand, Paymt. R. N. Batt, Commr. Hopwood, Mr. E. N. T. Collin; from London, for Shanghai, Mrs. Dawson's Amah, Messrs. Wilcox, Smeane, J. Frame, Lintillac, C. Budd and G. S. Kemp; from Marseilles, Rt. Rev. Bishop Corfe, Messrs. W. F. Tyler and A. Sinclair; from London, for Yokohama, Messrs. W. Leach and A. Lakin; from Marseilles, Cobralles Iremonger, Mr. E. T. Corbett; from Brindisi, for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lynch, from Gibraltar, for Hongkong, Mr. M. S. Lloyd; from Brindisi, for Yokohama, Mrs. Gibson; from London, for Hongkong, Misses O'Hajon, Hooper and O'Hajon's Maid; from Brindisi, Messrs. Welmore and Welmore Jun.; from Singapore, Dr. E. M. Lenzel, Dr. J. S. McFarland, Messrs. H. K. Archibald, H. Birge, W.

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Persian New	1270 to
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Banana Old	1265 to
Peas Old	to

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Namang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Gera* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 9th inst., a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Rosa* left Singapore on the 13th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on the 18th inst., at 5 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Korea* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 2nd inst.

The O. & O. steamer *Cedric*, from San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 10th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 4:30 p.m. on the 10th inst., and left again at 11 p.m. some day, via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at midnight on the 14th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The C. & M. steamer *Radi* left Manila on the 13th inst., and is due here this afternoon.

The E. & A. steamer *Eastern*, from Sydney, &c., left Manila on the 14th inst., and is due here to-morrow.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Idonense* left Singapore on the 11th inst., and is due here on the 18th inst.

The H.A.L. steamer *Sambila*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 19th inst.

The A.L. steamer *Silesia* left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst.

The A.A. steamer *Braemar*, from New York, left Singapore on the 9th inst., for Manila, and is due here on the 20th inst.

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